

JANUARY 9: YEAR 2025: THE YEAR THAT THE OHIO LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR HAD SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO ADOPT A CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING BUT INSTEAD SHIFTED FUNDS TO SUBSIDIZE PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION FOR THE AFFLUENT.

Ohio's private school voucher scheme started in 1995 with a Cleveland schools' budget of about \$5 million. Today, the EdChoice voucher program is in the range of \$800 million annually. This scheme is no longer for poor kids. It is now a welfare program for folks who have been paying tuition to private schools—welfare for the rich!

The EdChoice voucher scheme is not in place in response to demand from a majority of taxpayers. It is in place mostly because some billionaire libertarians want to reduce the cost of education by dumbing down America's education system. These folks fear public education because the public system and democracy are inseparably linked. They want to destroy the public common school system and thereby create a permanent underclass in the U.S.